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Applicants:	Michael S. Bertone et al.	§	Confirmation No.:	4257
Serial No.:	09/651,924	§	Group Art Unit:	2154
Filed:	08/31/2000	§	Examiner:	D. Nguyen
For:	Mechanism To Control	§	Docket No.:	200301853-1
	The Allocation Of An	§		
	N-Source Shared Buffer	§		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office action of April 15, 2004, please enter this Preliminary Amendment and corresponding Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.